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Hear Hon. J. A. Harzfeld, President of the City Club, at Lincoln High, Sunday at 3 P.M.

Edwards or Jost; Economy or Waste?

George H. Edwards, Republican Nominee for Mayor Attacks The Waste and Inefficiency of Shannon-Jost Democrats.

He Asks How the People's Money Has Been Spent.

The city campaign, which is now in progress, has developed into a fight of the better element of citizens for ever to rid the city hall of the Shannon-Jost rabbits. Lined up on the one side we find the men of the type of Henry M. Beardsley, on the other the political henchmen of Joe Shannon. With the people united, regardless of party, fighting for the best interests of the city, they can not be defeated any more than the United States army can be defeated when the order is given "to get Villa" and his bandits.

Look over this list of candidates, whose private business success mark them as eminently fitted for the front of the firing line in this fight for good, clean city government.

Read Mr. Edwards' statement in regard to the expenditure of your money and see if your taxes have brought about the interest to you that it should have.

Statement by George H. Edwards.

"A good many claims have been made by the mayor that the Jost administration has made a considerable saving to the city, and his comptroller, in a letter addressed to E. C. Meserve, a copy of which appeared in the Post under date of March 8, gives the revenues collected for each year from 1904 to 1914. This shows that the increased revenues under Mr. Jost's administration over the largest amount ever collected by any city administration for the year 1912 was \$118,635; for the year 1913, \$210,563; for the year 1914, was \$319,453. If the same proportion applies to the year 1915 (the figures for which the comptroller does not give), it would make the increase for that year between \$500,000 and \$600,000. In other words, far from saving money, the mayor has, during the three years on which he gives us the figures, received increased revenues amounting to \$648,646 more than

any mayor that Kansas City ever had. "According to the comptroller's figures, the first year of Mr. Beardsley's administration the revenues collected were \$1,776,118.07. His own comptroller says that in the year 1914 Mr. Jost collected revenues amounting to \$2,926,532.25. In other words, Mr. Jost collected \$1,150 more revenue during the year 1914 than Mayor Beardsley did during the year 1906. Besides, this, he decreased the efficiency of the police force by the reduction during these years of \$292,192, cutting down the force the first year that he was in office by 91 men, and thereby has placed Kansas City in the unenviable position of being classed with two other territories as the worst policed section in the United States; that is, the losses from burglary in Kansas City are larger, in proportion, than in any other part of the United States excepting only Chicago and parts of California.

"He has decreased the efficiency of the board of public works by a reduction of their appropriations in the amount over \$200,000, thereby crippling the department and making it impossible for them to keep the streets and public places in proper condition. "If you will add the excess amount of revenue he has collected over those collected by any other mayor to the amount that he has reduced the appropriation for the police and board of public works, two of the most important departments of the city's service, you will have a grand total of \$1,143,760. Mr. Jost now boasts that the saving made during these three years of his administration was \$295,314, as shown by his comptroller's report. The question naturally arises: What in the world did the mayor do with the difference of \$848,446. Can you see an improvement in municipal conditions here to justify this increased revenue?"

young woman. There, in giving facts about himself he said he was "colored."

The Girl's Statement.

The girl, who was booked as Vera Houston, said she had been living with Martyn as his wife. She admitted he had caused her presence in New York, but added that he had not come here with her.

Martyn's Father Wrote Book on Wendell Phillips.

Martyn's father was once pastor of the Pilgrim's Congregational Church of St. Louis, one of the leading white congregations of the city. The old Pilgrim Church edifice there is now occupied by a Negro Baptist congregation, and Ferry Martyn, proclaiming himself a Negro, has often spoken from the pulpit where his father spoke as a white man.

The Rev. Dr. Carlos Martyn became widely known as a preacher and author and his book, "Wendell Phillips, the Agitator," is a highly rated biography of that noted Abolitionist. He is now pastor of a church in Connecticut. His wife, who died a few years ago, was the daughter of Don Firmin Ferrer, once a prominent resident of the Central American Republic of Nicaragua. The Ferrer family was of Spanish extraction.

Ferrer Martyn inherited his father's ability as a speaker. He went through Columbia University as a white man, and then took his course in theology. His first wife was a daughter of Chas. H. Jones, a former newspaper publisher in St. Louis and New York. His second wife, whom he married in Brooklyn, also was white. He appeared in St. Louis in 1914 with a woman unmistakably colored.

Claims Mother Was Colored.

In 1912 he was pastor of the Baptist Church at Elmhurst, L. I. His engagement to Miss Grace Taylor, a member of the congregation was announced, and a strange woman appeared and Martyn disappeared. It was then learned that previously he had suddenly resigned a pastorate in Ridgewood, N. Y.

The next heard of Martyn was when he began to pose as a Negro in St. Louis. He told the police last night that his father was white, but his mother was "half and half."

Defies Police.

New York, March 14.—Rev. Ferrer Martyn, the preacher arrested here on a charge of inducing Vera Davis, a young colored girl, to leave her home in St. Louis, defied the authorities today to take any action on his case. He declared that he had married the girl and that her mother, on whose complaint he was arrested, would be unable to press any charge against him. The girl, who has been working as a maid, corroborated the preacher's statement as to the marriage and said the ceremony had been performed in New Jersey.

SECOND ANNUAL CONTEST

Under the Auspices of the KANSAS CITY BRANCH OF THE N. A. A. C. P.

ORATORICAL MUSICAL DECLAMATION
Colleges— Western U.
George R. Smith
Bartlett Institute
Topeka Ind. Institute
Schools— Attucks
Douglass
Penn
Booker Washington

FRIDAY EVENING—MARCH 24, 1916

AT ALLEN CHAPEL

Admission, 25 Cents.

Children, 10 Cents



GEORGE H. EDWARDS.

Republican nominee for Mayor, is President of the Edwards-Ludwig-Fuller Jewelry Co. He was born in St. Louis, May 25, 1860. His father was a native of Wales, while his mother traced her ancestry back to the Mayflower. He was educated in the High School at Princeton, Ill., and the Illinois State Normal. Mr. Edwards has lived in Kansas City 28 years, and during the greater part of that time has taken an active interest in public affairs. He served in the Upper House of the Council from 1906 to 1914. He is a member of the City Club, Automobile Club, Hill Crest Country Club, Scottish Rite Mason, member of the Mid-day Club, the Travelers' Protective Association, and The Commercial Club. He now lives at 3533 Harrison boulevard with his family, Mrs. Edwards, two sons and four daughters.

BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH.

Twenty-fourth and Flora.

On the evening of March 9 we were highly favored, having with us the Rt. Rev. Bishop Albert Johnson, D. D., who delivered a lecture to a much appreciative audience on the subject "South Africa as I Have Seen It." The good bishop was so very entertaining that all were sorry to see him sit down. The audience tried to call him back to the stand by repeated applause, but the bishop responded by saying: "None of these things move me."

Sunday will be occasion of our second quarterly meeting. Prof. H. T. Kealing, W. U., will preach at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. Rev. J. F. Sage, of Ward chapel, will preach the sacramental sermon at 3 p. m., also the choir of Ward chapel will furnish music for the afternoon service. We invite all who wish to enjoy a pleasant waiting before the Lord to be with us.

JOHN H. SPEAS.

Republican nominee for Member of the Upper House of the Common Council, was born in Cass county, Mo., 47 years ago. His family consists of his wife and one son. Mr. Speas is president of the Speas-Godsoe Grocery Company, 3900 Troost avenue. He has lived in Kansas City since 1889. He has a good business education, and is a self-made man. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen. He never has run for public office.



SANDY DRAPER.

One of the most loyal and consistent friends of the Y. M. C. A., who subscribed \$50 to the Betterment Fund.

AFRO AMERICAN INVESTMENT AND EMPLOYMENT COMPANY MOVES TO 1516 E. 18TH ST. MARCH 20.

Kansas City's oldest and best established Negro real estate and employment firm has been doing business near Tenth and McGee streets for the past twelve years and has built up the largest business of its kind West of the Mississippi river. When this company opened business the majority of Negroes in Kansas City lived in alleys, over barns, in basements and shacks. By the guarantee plan originated by Mr. Fortune J. Weaver, the president and general manager, a house was purchased here and another rented there in desirable locations. This opened the way for others and by gradually adding to their holdings Negroes now own many modern homes in choice districts, many of them along the park and boulevard system.

Have Never Sold a Piece of Property With a Faulty Title.

Out of the hundreds of homes that have been sold by this company not one has had a faulty title.

Protection for Home Buyers.

Some of the reasons that this corporation has succeeded in gaining the confidence of the Negroes of Kansas City: First, because when they rent or buy from the Afro-American they are kept employed so they can meet their obligations; second, when this mortgage comes due the Afro-American sees to it that their mortgage is extended or renewed.

The New Offices.

Will be up to date in every particular. A separate waiting room for women and men so that the most modest lady need not be embarrassed by coming to the office for employment or other business. The office is equipped for making out all kinds of contracts and legal papers. The equipment consists of Smith-Premier typewriter, Burroughs adding machine, mimeograph and Shavograph check protector, and so forth. The clerks and salesmen will treat you courteously.

New location 1516 E. 18th st. Home phone East 892; Bell East 782.

PAGE VINDICATED BY CONVICTION OF CONSPIRATORS.

After Hard Fought Trial, Lasting Ten Days, Chisum is Found Guilty.

On the second ballot, and after being out less than thirty minutes, a jury, that for ten days has been hearing testimony in the case of the state against Melvin J. Chisum, charged with criminal libel, brought in a verdict of guilty and left the penalty to the judge to assess.

The verdict was unanimous, every juror signing it.

It is a vindication for former president Inman E. Page, of Langston university, against whom libelous charges were made by Chisum in his Oklahoma City paper.

The penalty can be \$1,000 fine, or one year in jail, or both. It is the opinion of many who heard the case that he should be given both.

"I will pass sentence next Monday," said Judge Chappelle, today.

The case consumed ten days' time to try and has cost the county less than \$200. For the length of time taken to try it and the number of witnesses examined, it is decidedly the least expensive case tried of record in this county. But it will cost the losing side a pretty penny. Sixty witnesses were subpoenaed by the defense. Chisum will have to pay this expense.

Wm. Graham, convicted last week on a charge of blackmail, by attempted extortion of money from President Page will also be sentenced Monday. The penalty in the Graham case is the same as in the Chisum case, \$1,000 fine and one year in jail, or both.

Graham is the man who first approached President Page with an offer to suppress the libelous article if Page would pay him \$400. President Page indignantly refused to proposition, and told Graham that he had no desire to bribe anyone to not attack him.

"My hands are clean. I fear nothing; if I am accused my accusers must prove the charges," said Page, and with that he dismissed the matter. The article was published. It caused a sensation. President Page tendered his resignation in order to not hurt the school he helped to create and so dearly loved.

"I shall clear my skirts of all charges and to do it without injury to Langston college I will resign," he told Governor Williams. Then he brought the matter into court and has made a firm fight for vindication—not revenge.

The unanimous verdict of the jury last night, spells vindication. But enemies of Langston, in the meantime, have wrought havoc with that school. It will take years to put it back to the high state it was in prior to the attack on President Page. Less than one-fifth the attendance is shown, compared with a year ago.

Mrs. Charity Alexander, the mother of Mrs. A. R. Merritt, 913 Washington boulevard, Kansas City, Kas., celebrated her 81st birthday anniversary yesterday, March 17. Mrs. Alexander is a very active woman and looks to be much younger than 81.

Paseo Y. M. C. A. Members Annual Meeting

\$1,200 Asked for Improvement Maintenance for 1916.

A. Frank Neal leads with \$60; \$50 from Sandy Draper and J. Coody Johnson

The Paseo Y. M. C. A., having passed through a most successful year, the first year in the building, celebrated a members' dinner Friday night, March 17. Prof. J. R. E. Lee, principal of the Lincoln High school, was to be one of the principal speakers. He was called to Washington, D. C., because of important business. Prof. G. N. Grisham, former principal of Lincoln High school, delivered an eloquent address.

Short talks were made by other members. Mr. H. O. Cook, president of the Y. M. C. A., presided.

That the year 1916 should be a bigger year than the year 1915, the members were urged by the speakers to get a little closer together. It was shown by the executive secretary of the association that \$1,200 was needed in popular subscription and for immediate improvements. A number of members made initial pledges previous to the Friday night meeting. Mr. A. Frank Neal, who led out with \$60, sent the following telegram:

"I will give \$60."

The letter quoted below came later.

Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mr. R. B. DeFrantz, Paseo Y. M. C. A., Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Brother DeFrantz: Yours of recent date to hand and contents noted, and in reply will say that you will see by enclosed voucher that my interest in the institution is the same as of past years, and you can have this amount paid as you may designate, and if you will send me about twenty more slips I will see what I can do for you.

Hoping you success in all your undertakings, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) A. FRANK NEAL.

Mr. Neal at one time was a manager of the Y. M. C. A. His interest is as keen now, although in Salt Lake City, as when he lived here.

J. Coody Johnson of Wewola, Ok., who made one of the \$50 subscriptions, said when making his pledge: "I can not express how much the Y. M. C. A. and the fellowship of the members has helped me."

Judge Johnson was improved in health through the physical department. Mr. Sandy Draper, who subscribed \$50, gave \$100 to the build-

ing campaign, also \$50 to the 1914 furnishing campaign. He says all he has given to the Y. M. C. A. has been for the purpose of creating better conditions for the young men and boys than he had. Mr. Draper was born in the days of slavery. He is keen, however, on the affairs of today that are for the uplift of the race. The following persons in addition have pledged \$15 or more:

A. Frank Neal	\$60
Sandy Draper	50
J. Coody Johnson	50
Chas. Heath	50
R. B. DeFrantz	25
L. C. Smith	25
Rich Allen	25
H. O. Cook	25
Prof. J. M. Marquess	25
W. G. Mosley	25
G. A. Page	25
Rev. J. C. C. Owens	25
Dr. T. A. Jones	20
H. Murphy	15
Edward Ross	15
Dr. J. F. Shannon	15
Miss A. Wheeler	15

The complete list of subscribers will be given in next week's issue of this paper as well as a detailed account of the members' annual meeting.

Rev. S. W. Bacoote's interesting address to the men on last Sunday was enjoyed by a large audience. Sunday, March 19, at 3:30 p. m., Rev. W. W. Matthews, pastor of the A. M. E. Zion church, will address the men's meeting.

The second annual checker tournament came to a conclusion last Tuesday evening. Mr. Emanuel Jackson is winner with A. V. Pepp, a cross board champion, running as a close second. Third and fourth rank were captured by F. Malone and G. Clark, respectively. The next big event will be a match for the championship of Kansas City between Champion A. V. Pepp and Edward Headley. This match should attract every chess fan to the scene.

At the last moment the following telegram was received from Mr. Chas. Heath, expert metallurgist of the American Steel Corporation of Chicago. Mr. Heath is one of our out of town members:

"Prof. H. O. Cook: Just out of hospital. Can not come. I subscribe \$50 to fund."

COLORED WAITERS MEET.

The colored waiters of Kansas City held a meeting Monday afternoon, March 13, in Lyric Hall for the purpose of organizing a Negro Waiters' Protective and Progressive Association.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Samuel R. Hopkins, the organizer. It opened with the hymn, "Near My God to Thee." Next was prayer by W. H. Owens. Mr. Hopkins then addressed the waiters upon the necessity of organizing. His paper was an able one and was warmly received. Mr. Edwin Hudson was acting Chairman, and M. E. Owen, Secretary. The organization was perfected, the following officers being elected:

Samuel R. Hopkins, President.
Wilson Smith, Vice President.
M. E. Owen, Secretary.
John Johnson, Assistant Secretary.
Leonard Johnson, Treasurer.
Committee on Constitution—Messrs. W. H. Owens, W. B. Garrett, Jas. Baker.

A. Grimes, W. Webb, Chas. Brandon, and Sidney Johnson.

Committee for Renaming Association—Messrs. J. W. McCulkin, Sam Price, T. B. Nix, C. McAfee and Snell. About 125 attended the meeting.

SAMUEL R. HOPKINS, President.
M. E. OWEN, Secretary, 1624 Park.
The next meeting will be held Monday, March 20 at Lyric hall, 1731 Lydla avenue at 2:30 p. m. All waiters are invited to be present.

CARNIVAL OF ALL NATIONS

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WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, MARCH 22 AND 23

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Dancing. Admission 25 Cents.



MR. A. FRANK NEAL.

The popular head waiter of the Hotel Utah, Salt Lake City, who pledges \$60 to the Paseo Y. M. C. A. Betterment Fund.